

## COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

June 12, 2019

Mr. Al Roshdieh Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Roshdieh:

On behalf of the Commission on Children and Youth, Youth Advisory Committee, we would like to thank you for your support of our proposed recommendations for the Kids Ride Free program on Ride-On buses in Montgomery County!

It has been a pleasure to advocate for this change and an even greater pleasure to know we have made a change thanks to your help. Meeting with you and the members of the Transportation and Environment Committee in February 2019 to discuss our research was a wonderful experience and gave us the confidence to continue our advocacy.

Public transportation, especially in Montgomery County, is an amazing asset to residents. By expanding upon the Kids Ride Free program, the county can further encourage youth to use the convenient, eco-friendly option of public buses when commuting, a solution that will undoubtedly encourage a new generation of public transportation enthusiasts.

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Thank you for taking action so quickly; the diligent work of the county and the transportation department these past months has not gone unnoticed! Your quick and through response is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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